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
The specification has been amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the German priority application.

Claims 6-13, 17-18, 25-26, 31, 38-40, 44, 52-53, and 58 were amended to remove multiple claim dependencies.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Respectfully submitted,

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